

GOOD REASONS WHY THE \$20,000,000 GOVERNMENT NITRATE PLANT SHOULD BE LOCATED AT MUSCLE SHOALS.

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Some of the reasons why the Muscle Shoals in the Tennessee river is the best site for the government nitrate plant are that its geography is better than any other site that has been proposed or suggested; it is as nearly immune from an attack of an invading foe as any site that could be selected in the United States; it is far enough south to escape the rigors of a northern winter; it is far enough north to escape the heat of a southern summer; it is far enough east to be easily accessible to all Atlantic and gulf ports; it is far enough west to be as accessible to the Pacific ports as any site located east of the Rocky mountains. It is the largest undeveloped water power of any inland river in the United States; it possesses both of the essential attributes for the generation of large units of hydro-electric power, having both the volume and the fall, as there is more water passing over the Muscle Shoals than there is in the Ohio river. Within a distance of twenty-eight miles between the foot of the shoals at Florence, Ala., and the head of the shoals, near Decatur, Ala., the fall is 140 feet. A large volume of cheap power is the most essential factor to be considered in the location of a plant for the purpose of making nitrates from the atmosphere. A large majority of the other essential elements that enter into the operation of a nitrate plant for the purpose of making munitions are in closer proximity to Muscle Shoals than to any other point that can be selected. The cotton fields are all around. The acids used in the manufacture of war munitions are more largely produced at Birmingham, Ala., today than at any other point in the union. The copper, sulphuric acid, zinc, and aluminum are all being produced in East Tennessee along the upper tributaries of the Tennessee river. The transportation facilities are all that could be desired. The Memphis and Charleston branch of the Southern railway practically parallels Muscle Shoals from Decatur to

DENIED CREDIT, ROBS STORE

Luther Garner Pleads Guilty When Charged With Arson.
Monteagle, Tenn., July 5.—Luther Garner, of Lost Cove, has pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing and burning the store owned by P. S. Brooks & Co., Seawancee. The case was investigated by John W. Blalock, who was assigned to the case from the state fire prevention commissioner's office. Two wagon loads of merchandise was found near Garner's home. Garner, in pleading guilty, is said to have declared he stole the goods because he had been denied credit.

HIS BACKACHE GONE

Just how dangerous a backache, sore muscles, aching joints, or rheumatic pains may be is sometimes realized only when life insurance is refused on the basis of kidney trouble. Joseph G. Wolf, of Green Bay, Wis., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills relieved me of a severe backache that had bothered me for several months." Take Foley Kidney Pills for weak lame back and weary sleepless nights. Sold by J. W. Simpson & Son, Jasper, Tenn.

Pushing Canvass.

L. C. Smith, candidate for Tax Assessor on Democratic ticket, is energetically pushing his canvass. Election will take place three weeks from today and he is preparing therefor to the best of his ability. Mr. Smith is a very pleasant gentleman, and should the choice of the people incline his way, will make a very excellent official.

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Florence, furnishing adequate rail transportation facilities for all eastern and western business. The main line of the Louisville & Nashville railway system between Cincinnati and New Orleans crosses the Tennessee river at Florence, within two miles of the foot of the shoals, furnishing adequate rail transportation both north and south. The Tennessee river, navigable all the year round from Florence, will furnish water transportation to the mouth of the Mississippi river, all downstream. All the claims referred to are based upon the location at Muscle Shoals only from a military standpoint, or as a war preparedness measure. Certainly the greatest value that will result from this plant to this country will not be the manufacture of munitions of war, but will be the value of the products of this plant in times of peace. No one thing can do as much for the wealth and prosperity of this nation as doubling, tripling, or even quadrupling, the products of the soil. This can only be done by fertilization. In times of peace the entire output of this plant could be used in the manufacture of high-grade cheap fertilizers. The fact that the great phosphate beds of Middle Tennessee are almost within a stone's throw of Muscle Shoals gives the plant a value in times of peace that no other location will question or claim. Today the phosphate from Middle Tennessee is being shipped all over the United States to the different fertilizer plants as raw material to be converted in the finished fertilizer. When this plant has been completed, and is not engaged in the manufacture of war munitions, the entire product will be used in making commercial fertilizers, practically where the raw material is produced, saving largely the cost of transportation, both of raw material and of the product. With all these elements of value whether viewed from a war standpoint, or a peace standpoint, certainly Muscle Shoals has the right to lay claim for the location.

Dallas Texas.

Special to the News.
Esteemed editor and readers of the News, as I failed to send my little write this week, I will try to do better for the next issue. I am using a large part of my time running around visiting. I went to Arlington Monday afternoon, July 3. I visited the homes of T. S. Bracken, Will Howard, Charles L. Bracken, and Robt. Odell and had a splendid time and enjoyed my visit to each home. They are all engaged in threshing their grain and chopping the last bunch of grass out of the cotton field. Cotton and corn are fine. The grain crop is better than was expected when I was there a few weeks ago. They are getting from 10 to 70 bushels per acre. That is not so bad. There has been more than 100,000 soldiers passed thru Dallas within the last ten days, going to the Mexican front. There were several communications last week that were of interest, one from "Am I Alone" relative to the conduct of some men and boys that acted very badly at a public gathering here. I am sorry that our young men and boys of to-day have so little respect for the teaching of their parents as to ignore all instincts of well-raised boys, and I am sorry to say that many young ladies are as bad as the boys. I cannot altogether blame father and mother with the conduct of growing young people of today. They take the bad habits of trying to show off smart, or to try to create an impression that they are bad and dangerous, but they should be stopped before they stop a slug of lead. Was glad to see a short piece from J. G. of Clifty. Come again, John, we all love to read your articles. "Old Joe" seems to have forsaken us, several of the old writers seem to be afflicted with . . . well, sleep in the day time. I know it is getting hot and is a good big job to get out and round up a few thoughts for some one else to pass on as good or bad, but the readers have got interest in the different writers and expect to see a communication from them occasionally and are disappointed when they fail to see one. Would be glad to see a piece from our old friend Dame of Crisp, Texas. Come on, Milt, and give us an account of yourself. John Shirley, no I do not know the Shirley boys of Greenville. I am not very well acquainted in Greenville. We have been having some very hot weather for the last few weeks, 94 to 106 in the shade. That is getting a little warm, and for fear of an overheat, will close for this time. Best wishes for all. Lone Star.

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Contentment

Happy the man that, when his day is done,
Lies down to sleep with nothing to regret—
The battle he has fought may not be won,
The fame he sought be just as fleeting yet;
Po' ding at last his hands upon his breast,
He sinks into the last eternal rest,
Breathing these only words: "I am content."

But happier he that, while his blood is warm,
Sees hope and friendships dead about him lie,
Bares his brave breast to envy's bitter storm,
Nor shuts the poison bars of calumny;
And, 'mid it all, stands sturdy and elate,
Girt only in the armor God hath meant
For him who 'neath the buffeting of fate
Can say to God and man: "I am content."

—Eugene Field.

GOOD ROAD SEA OF MUD

Wide Dissatisfaction Over First Dixie Highway Work.

The first work on the Dixie Highway in Marion County has resulted in dissatisfaction, and this is regrettable, for the people, as a rule, after having been defeated on every move they made against a long and costly route for the highway thru the county, had decided to take the matter with the best grace possible, and assist in the movement as much as lay in their power. But now there is wide spread complaint over the work that has already been done, from the fact that the county seat, Jasper, is practically cut off from the rest of the county by one of the worst stretches of road that has ever been in the county, and this in the face of the fact that two or three weeks ago the road now so much condemned was the best road in the county. When the work was commenced about three weeks ago, to the surprise of a large number, work was commenced at Jasper, where the best roads in the county centered. This was remarkable from the fact that there was the strongest cry for good roads from the Whitwell district, and it was confidently thought that work would be commenced from that end. In fact, much of the intestine fight over the Dixie Highway was brought on by the stubborn contention of a number of the Whitwell people that the middle portion of the county had got all the good roads out of the former bond issue, hence the belief that the work would begin largely from the north end of the county. To the surprise of the people, work commenced where the best roads already existed. Limestone road as hard as adamant was torn up and overlaid with a material which the people assert is not chert, but clay. White chert was expected to be used in surfacing the road, which is known as the Whitwell or Main Valley Road in engineering circles, but no white substance was put on, and while the first loads might have been gravel, in completing the work it degenerated into a substance that has no appearance of gravel, but is of the stickiest description, and rolling had no effect on it, and the recent rains have put it into such a shape that it is almost impassable. In fact, few automobilists have the temerity to traverse it, and to do so is a hazard. Charge is made by leading citizens that the engineer in charge of the

work failed to inspect the gravel and decide whether it was fit to put on the road. The contractor claims that it will finally cement and form a substantial road, but so far it has no appearance of so doing. If it were gravel it would seem, that since the rains have not been of the heavy, washing variety, that the traffic over it, together with the rolling, would have formed a good road bed. This is the experience of similar roads in this county were a good gravel has been used. The road will have to be rebuilt and all the work gone over, and the only material that will correct the fault will be crushed lime stone, and where the money will come from to pay for this is beyond the comprehension of the county authorities. Property owners are up in open revolt over the matter, and talk of enjoining the building of any of the other stretches of road with similar material. The matter is all the more aggravating that such an excellent road was destroyed and no progress made on other roads of the county which need the work of improvement a deal more and where the residents of the districts contiguous were clamoring for relief from bad roads and insisting that they had been defrauded of their just share of the improvement due from the former bond issue. The material laid on this road was paid for at a cost of 35c per yard, and on both roads involved there is nearly two miles of surface laid. Hence, the cost to Marion County of the first flasco in building the Dixie Highway will amount to a pretty penny, and with this sum wasted there is no money in sight with which to repair or remedy the mistake.

First Florida Motorcade.

The tourists from Lake county, Fla., who are traversing the Dixie Highway on their first motorcade, passed thru here Wednesday of last week about noon, going over the mountain via the mountain road here, as the Battle Creek road is not yet ready for travel. There were eight automobiles conveying the party, all large machines. Mr. G. Sherman, who manages the road, issued passes to the party, good for passage over the road, as a mark of courtesy to the party. Furthermore he sent out a team to help them out of any mud holes in which they might possibly become involved, as the last seven miles of the road to Tracy City is fierce after the heavy rains falling in that section for the past month. The party had no trouble in ascending the mountain here.

Probably Will Recover.

Dr. Seay, the attending physician on Asa Condra, who was shot July 4th, is of the opinion that he will recover, although it will take time to tell. He is getting along fairly well.

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LOYALTY OF MEN ON PENNSYLVANIA.

Between 50,000 and 60,000 Have Promised to Stand by the Road in Case of a Strike.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has just sent out notice to the effect that between 50,000 and 60,000 men on the lines east of Pittsburgh have pledged themselves to stand by the road and prevent, if possible, a complete interruption of service in the event of a strike. These pledges have come in reply to recent appeal of General Manager S. C. Long for volunteers. This does not mean, however, that a strike of the 25,000 engine-men, conductors, firemen, and trainmen could fail to be a serious matter, or that the railroad could keep its trains in operation except with great difficulty. The volunteers would have to be withdrawn from other departments of the service, and in some cases would require additional training. It does, however, prove that the management is assured of the loyalty of thousands of its employees in the management that they would remain loyal. Responses have come in from the clerical and office forces, from the men in the shops, even the men from the larger shops such as those at Camden, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, have assured the road that they are ready to serve in any capacity to prevent a tie-up of traffic. One man formerly in the service but who resigned some years ago to engage in other business, and whose father had been in the service forty years, wrote in that he would bring back to the service ten ex-engineers and five ex-firemen "in gratitude for the kindness extended by the railroad to myself and my old father." Stockholders have offered to protect the interests of the property in which they are part owners. One of these offers his service three months free of charge. Numerous instances of offers from the men who feel grateful for past favors have been cited by the railroad. Men who have been on the pension rolls for years have tendered their services, and still others now in the service have written that they would be ungrateful if they failed in their loyalty at such a time. There are other railroads in the country which employ large numbers of men many of whom will remain loyal to the road in the event of a strike. There are railroads in the South whose employees have been in service since the civil war and these men will doubtless follow the example of the Pennsylvania men should a call be made for volunteers to prevent a tie-up of traffic. Notwithstanding all this, the fact remains that thousands of brotherhood men will quit work when a strike is called, and this makes the situation a very serious problem. It affects not only the railroads but the public generally as the stopping of traffic over the country would prove a serious handicap to business.

HER LEFT SIDE HURT

Mrs. Laura Beall, Plattsburg, Miss., writes: "Last April I got in bad health; my left side hurt all the time. I have symptoms of Bright's disease. I took Foley Kidney Pills and feel all right now." They quickly relieve backache, rheumatism, aches and pains. Bladder troubles, too, are corrected by this remedy. For sale by J. W. Simpson & Son, Jasper, Tenn.

Cut Foot Badly.

Clark Minor sustained a bad cut from a tin can yesterday while playing. The wound bled profusely from the cut which was about an inch and a half long, and just above the ankle.

M. D. Brewer has an advertisement in this issue with some slashingly low prices. If it's money you want to save try him for the bargains.

Mr. Hutcheson, the county Agricultural Agent, was here yesterday. He will write some articles for the News.

Automobile traffic is pretty near suspended. There no through travel.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Smithsonia, Ala.

Special to the News.
The Fourth was celebrated in great style here with a fish fry and picnic. About a hundred and twenty-five people participated. It was held in the grove near the fleet. Capt. J. T. Reed or asked the blessing after which everyone made themselves at home and tried their best to eat everything on the table without success though, for the hardly made a show on the bountiful spread provided by the ladies of the fleet and surrounding neighborhood. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Miss Pearl Jordan seemed to enjoy herself on the Fourth. Guess it was because R. P. Coles was around. Lester Yarbrough and Miss Mattie Thomson were visitors to the Fleet last week. Colbert Douglas was in his glory on the Fourth as he paraded the grove with his friends, Miss Ruth Thomson and Mrs. Mead. Henry Nicholas was ill and had to go home last week. W. A. Isam and R. F. Coles took him to Sheffield in R. Isam's Ford. If you want to see Miss Lucas smile, ask her how she enjoys eating olives. There was a watchman going around with a smile on his face all last week. Guess that one of the young ladies smiled at him the other day. Henry Mitchell went to Sheffield for the Fourth but his girl went back on him and he came too late for the picnic so no wonder he feels blue. The Big Muddy is certainly breaking records and has not stopped rising yet. It only lacks three feet of being as high as the highest water last winter. Mr. and Mrs. James Hyers and son, James, returned Wednesday from Memphis and points in Mississippi. Mrs. W. A. Isam enjoys this weather or we have been having lately. All of the boys on the U. S. Quarterboat Number 9 attended church Saturday night. D. B. Gardner led the choir. Listen for announcements of concerts by the Smithsonia string band now organized by the government boys. Miss Pauline Suggs didn't seem very sad Sunday, even if "Nick" was away. Misses Luena and Clara Parrish were among the beautiful girls here last week. Wake up, you writers from Sulphur Springs, Ga., for we are anxious to hear from you. Also Kelly's Ferry and Stanley. One-Among-Them.

Ebenezer.

Special to the News.
Rain seems to be the order of the day. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mell Webb. Jim Alder went to town Saturday. Houston Wells called on William Webb Friday. Mrs. P. M. Dickerson, of South Pittsburg, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. D. C. Kelly, for the past week. Riley Jones made a short call on Sam Webb Sunday. Tom Kelly was horseback riding Sunday. Mrs. I. N. Lambert spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Sam Webb. Walter Layne was on the pike Monday. Henry Wells went to Jasper Friday. Andrew Hancock went to Jasper Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webb spent Wednesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cantrell. Dennis Harris went to Jasper Monday. Dick Dawson was on the pike Monday. Luther Webb, of Hoge's Crossing, called on his cousin, William Webb, Monday. John Hoge was on the pike Monday. Doc Daffron went to Jasper Monday. The Union Rally was rained out Saturday, much to the disappointment of many. News is not as plentiful as rain this week. Daisy.

NEXT SINGING CONVENTINN TO BE AT WHITWELL

The third session of the Marion County Singing Convention will be held at Whitwell on fifth Sunday of July, instead of third Sunday, as originally planned. The session will be held at the M. E. Church, South, where the session was held last year, instead of at the Ball Park, as originally planned.

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